

RARE SPECIES DOCUMENTATION  
Records of Vermont Birds

The following form has been prepared to encourage full documentation, when requested, of rare or unseasonal birds in the state of Vermont. These reports are put into a permanent file and should be as detailed as possible. New reports are reviewed annually by the Vermont Bird Records Committee, which evaluates records for their acceptability to future researchers and for inclusion in the state bird list.

Please print or type

SPECIES: European Goldfinch

NUMBER OBSERVED: 1

OBSERVER MAKING REPORT: OTHER OBSERVERS (and addresses if available)

LOCATION: (place, township, county) East Lyndon - Caledonia County Vermont

DATE: 12/6/12

TIME AND LENGTH OF OBSERVATION:

DISTANCES FROM BIRD: Maximum 5' Minimum 4'

WEATHER:

wind direction \_\_\_\_\_ wind speed \_\_\_\_\_

sky cover Cloudy light in relation to observer's position temperature \_\_\_\_\_

OPTICAL EQUIPMENT: (make, power, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVER'S PREVIOUS ACQUAINTANCE WITH THIS SPECIES OR SIMILAR FORMS:

I HAVE HAD American Goldfinches at my feeder before

OTHER DOCUMENTATION: Photo  Tape Recording \_\_\_\_\_ Specimen \_\_\_\_\_

If yes to the above, where is this information deposited? \_\_\_\_\_

HABITAT: (be as detailed as possible, include associated bird species)

We have woods + fields as well as a brook -  
The feeder is by my lilac bush

BIRD'S BEHAVIOR: (feeding actions, manner of flight, displays or interactions, reaction to observer)

Just busy feeding on black sunflower seeds -  
in my feeder out side my kitchen window

VOCALIZATION: (song or calls)

didn't notice

**DESCRIPTION:** (Describe what you actually saw during the observation. We hope that observers will take field notes during the observation and before consulting field guides, etc. Additional pages with sketches and copies of field notes are encouraged.)

Relative size and shape: 4-5"

Head (crown, cheeks, eye, throat, nape): red, black + white

Feet and Bill (shape, color, length): whitish bill

Upper back: brownish

Lower back and rump: —

Wings (shape, length, markings): brown with black white + gold

Breast, belly, flanks, undertail coverts: brownish and white

Tail (shape, length, markings): black with a little white near tip

**IMPORTANT: WHAT SIMILAR SPECIES WERE ELIMINATED WHEN MAKING THIS IDENTIFICATION AND HOW WAS THIS BIRD DIFFERENT?**

There were other goldfinches feeding but this one had the red on his face. I don't know if there was a female with him - have not seen him since -

**COMMENTS:** (was age or sex determined?, etc.)

male - red on face

This report was written from notes taken during \_\_\_\_\_ immediately after \_\_\_\_\_ the observation, or written from memory  (please attach copies of notes if available)

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